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A PREACHMENT.

The ways of a paternal government are past finding out. The United States has owned the territory which slopes to the Rio Grande for more than half a century and has done nothing, even indirectly, to develop its resources and improve the condition of its inhabitants. Our educational problem, and it is one of the most difficult, if not the most difficult, that has ever confronted a central government, has been left to the tender mercies and futile results of self-solution. Our economic conditions have been regarded and passed over.

For about a decade we have been lords and masters of the Philippine Islands and during that short time our government has taken up the white man's burden and carried it a long way forward. The southwest is at the door of the national capital and the Pacific ocean lies between our west coast and our eastern possessions. The southwest has gone unnoticed and the Philippines have been receiving the benefit of the surplus energy stored up by the neglect of the field close at hand.

The above remarks are drawn forth by the receipt at this office of two numbers of a well gotten up magazine called the Philippine Agricultural Review. It is a well printed periodical of some fifty pages, excellent in material and in subject matter. Published monthly at Manila in both Eng-

lish and Spanish by the department of agriculture, under the editorship of the director of the department, it is devoted to the agricultural interests of the islands, including Hawaii. Some of the titles in the two numbers in front of us are The Panama Hat Industry, Rice Culture, Experiments with Ceara Rubber Trees, The Cultivation of Cacao and A Study of the Varieties of Abaca (Manila Hemp). These articles treat of industries that can be and are successfully and profitably followed in the islands. They are popular in tone, and show a determination of the department of agriculture to do all it can for the rapid development of the islands and their people. Very little of this sort of thing has been done in the southwest until within comparatively recent years.

As another phase of the general proposition the school system established in the Philippines immediately after the occupation, is worth attention. It is highly organized into departments and sub-departments, and thoroughly competent teachers were imported from the United States at government expense, to take charge of the work. And from talks we have had with a department school chief who spent four years over there, we are justified in inferring that the system has been successful in the highest degree and has well repaid the vast financial outlay.

We do not begrudge the advancement of our possessions, but we cannot refrain from speculating—ugly as it may be—on what New Mexico, in particular, and the southwest in general has lost by the failure of the national government to do its plain and bounden duty by us. The injury we have suffered and the loss we have sustained are irreparable. All we can do is to plod along in the path that stretches before us and begin in the middle to solve economic and agricultural problems that would have been well on a way toward solution, if not completely solved, had they been started forty years ago. And there is no need for faint-heartedness or discouragement, either. We have as fine soil as the Lord ever placed on his footstool and as sturdy and hard-working people as can be found on a Sabbath day's journey. We are perfectly capable of working out our own economic and intellectual salvation without more than a minimum of assistance. But The Optic cannot but think of what might have been.

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THAW BACK TO ASYLUM

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says, "are public officers with no conceivable motive but to do their duty." The court says he was more convinced by alienists for the state than by those who testified for the prisoner and says concerning Dr. Evans: "I had great difficulty in reconciling his present attitude with the former opinions expressed by him at the trials and in my opinion did not succeed in doing so."

Thaw evidently made a bad impression on the judge by his actions on and off the witness stand, as the opinion calls special attention to Thaw's facial expression while telling of his belief in White's practices.

Orders Better Treatment

The court says by no means is he satisfied with Thaw's treatment at Matteawan, after his return there in October last and says no one could help but be moved by the distress of the mother as she told of that treatment and says: "It must be understood that Thaw is in an institution, not as a criminal undergoing punishment, as the jury declared him innocent in the matter of homicide, but as an unfortunate prisoner, afflicted with a mental derangement, to be protected and guarded with the distinct hope that he may ultimately be cured. Therefore I suggest that he be allowed the privileges formerly given him and that his mother be afforded every consideration." The opinion concludes that the freeing of Thaw now would be dangerous to the public peace, safety and therefore cannot be permitted.

Thaw Breaks Down

When the news was carried to Thaw at the county jail, he burst into tears and sobbed aloud. He had hoped

against hope that he would be discharged, and even up to the last minute was confident the decision would be a favorable one. He was not prepared for the news that he had lost his case. Because of the intense nervous strain he has undergone in the past two weeks, it is now feared he will suffer a complete physical and mental breakdown. Again and again he declared after he had heard Justice Mills had declared him insane, that he was perfectly sane, just as sane as the Justice himself. Thaw has the sympathy of the White Plains authorities where he has always been popular during his visits here since being committed to Matteawan.

Mother Suffers Collapse

But it was Thaw's mother who took the decision hardest of all. Aged by her son's trouble and in poor health, anyway, Mrs. Thaw suffered a complete collapse, when Counsel Morschauer carried the heart-rending news to her at her hotel. She attempted to nerve herself for the message that the attorney had for her, suspecting the worst when he came in person, as she had instructed him to telephone if a favorable decision was given. It was too much, however, and Mrs. Thaw swooned. She is now under the care of a physician.

"HELL OF A PLACE" TO ENTERTAIN THE PRESIDENT

New Orleans, Aug. 12.—Bayou Sara, Louisiana, which attracted national attention by the wording of its invitation to Captain Fremont of the battleship Mississippi, which read: "Bayou Sara is a hell of a place to entertain in, but we will do the best we can," has invited President Taft to spend a few hours in town on his way down the Mississippi.

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MARKET REPORTS.

St. Louis Wool Market

St. Louis, Aug. 12.—Wool steady; territory western mediums, 23@28; fine mediums, 22@24; fine, 13@19.

Chicago Provisions

Chicago, Aug. 12.—Wheat Sept. 97 5-8; Dec. 94 7-8@95; corn Sept. 64 1-8; Dec. 53 5-8@3-4; oats Sept. and Dec. 37. Pork Sept. 2045; Jan. 1680; lard Sept. 1132 1-2; Oct. 1125; ribs Sept. 110; Oct. 1075.

New York Stocks.

New York, Aug. 12.—Copper easy; standard spot 1290@1305; lead firm, 430@440; bar silver 51; call money 2 1-4@1-2; prime paper 4@4 1-2; Amalgamated 88; Atchison 120 1-4; New York Cent. 142 3-8; So. Pac. 136 1-8; Union Pac. 209; steel 77 7-8; steel pfd. 126 3-8.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Aug. 12.—Cattle 2500 steady to strong; beefs \$4.35@7.50; Texas steers \$4.00@5.50; western steers \$4.00@6.00; stockers' feeders \$3.10@5.15; cows, heifers \$2.25@6.00; calves \$5.50@8.25. Hogs 14000, 10 higher, light \$7.35@7.90; mixed \$7.25@7.95; heavy \$7.10@8.00; rough \$7.10@7.35; good choice heavy \$7.35@8.00; pigs \$6.85@7.75; bulk sales \$7.40@7.85. Sheep 10,000, steady, native \$3.10@5.10; western \$3.15@5.10; yearlings \$4.50@5.75; lambs, native \$6.50@7.85; western \$4.75@7.75.

Kansas City Live Stock.

Kansas City, Aug. 12.—Cattle 5000, including 3000 southern, steady; native steers \$4.50@7.50; southern steers

\$3.40@5.00; southern cows \$2.50@3.85; native cows, heifers \$2.25@7.00; stockers' feeders \$2.00@5.25; bulls \$2.00@4.00; calves \$3.50@7.00; western steers \$4.00@6.15; western cows \$2.50@4.50.

Hogs 5,000, 5 to 10 higher, bulk sales \$7.50@7.65; heavy \$7.60@7.70; packers' butchers \$7.50@7.70; light \$7.30@7.60; pigs \$5.75@7.25. Sheep 3000 steady, muttons \$4.00@5.25; lambs \$6.00@7.75; range wethers \$3.75@5.25; range ewes \$3.25@5.00.

INDIANA MAN DIES VERY SUDDENLY WHILE VISITING

J. C. Johnson & Son, the undertakers, were yesterday called to Levy, Christian Miser having passed away at his farm near that place. Mr. Miser came from Auburn, Indiana, four months ago, and at the time of his death, was making his home with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Keller. The deceased was sixty-eight years of age, and a man of rugged constitution, and his death after a very few days' illness, was unexpected. The remains were prepared for shipment, and accompanied by the relatives of the deceased, were today taken to Auburn, Indiana, for burial.

SPECIAL SESSION OF CONGRESS COST UNCLE SAM \$500,000

Washington, Aug. 12.—It is estimated that the extraordinary session of congress cost the American people \$500,000. The chief item is mileage to senators and congressmen, which amounts to \$154,000 for the house, and \$47,000 for the senate.



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